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SUMMARY. IN CONTRAST 1ST SESSION, MEETING JUST CONCLUDED WAS THOROUGHLY BUSINESSLIKE AND UNMARKED BY ANY EAST-WEST CONTROVERSY. MODEST WORK PROGRAM AGREED WITH GUIDANCE TO SECRETARIAT. DISCUSSION CHARACTERIZED BY EMPHASIS ON BROADENING ROLE OF SENIOR ADVISERS AND NEED TO SEEK NEW METHODS OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONTRAST 1ST SESSION, MEETING JUST CONCLUDED WAS THOROUGHLY BUSINESSLIKE AND UNMARKED BY ANY EAST-WEST CONTROVERSY. ADVISERS WERE, HOWEVER, SERIOUSLY HAMPERED BY HEAVY OVER-PREPARATION BY SECRETARIAT. DOCUMENTATION WAS VOLUMINOUS, DISTRIBUTION LATE, AND CHARACTERIZED BY TEDIOUS LONG-WINDED STYLE WITH MINIMUM EFFORT TO HIGHLIGHT KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

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A. NEGRU (RUMANIA) WAS RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN WITH U.K. (KNOX)

ASSUMING VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP.

B. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN OPENING STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTED TWO THEMES AS THOSE PRE-OCCUPYING MAJOR ECE GOVERNMENTS--ENERGY AND DETENTE. VIEWED ENERGY CRISIS AS PERSISTENT UNLESS COUNTER MEASURES TAKEN. SUGGESTED APPROPRIATE THEME FOR PROPOSED TECHNOLOGICAL FORECASTING AND ASSESSMENT SEMINAR SHOULD BE ENERGY, WHICH SHOULD BE PREPARED BY GROUP OF NATIONAL EXPERTS.

C. ALL DELS JOINED IN DAY-TO-DAY DISCUSSION WITH USSR(ANANICHEV) HEAVILY EMPHASIZING NEED FOR SENIOR ADVISERS TO PROVIDE INTELLECTUAL GUIDANCE TO ECE COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND TO FIND NEW WAYS TO COOPERATE INTERNATIONALLY, NOT JUST THROUGH HOLDING OF PERIODIC SEMINARS ON SELECTED SUBJECTS. USSR SUPPORTED BY OTHER EAST EUROPEAN DELEGATES.

D. PLANS FOR MILAN SEMINAR ON MANAGEMENT OF TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, NOVEMBER 5-9, 1974, WERE APPROVED WITH ASSIGNMENTS OF RAPPORTEURS FOR DESIGNATED AGENDA ITEMS. US AND GDR ACCEPTED OBLIGATION OF PROVIDING RAPPORTEURS FOR AGENDA ITEM 4-- IDENTIFICATION OF MANAGERIAL SKILLS FOR SYSTEMS IN SUPPORT OF THE INTRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

E. PLANS FOR SEMINAR ON ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TO BE HELD IN WARSAW IN SEPTEMBER 1974 APPROVED. SOME DELS IDENTIFIED PAPERS THEY WOULD PROVIDE IN ADVANCE FOR THIS SEMINAR. US DEL DID NOT, REPEAT NOT, DO SO AT THIS STAGE.

3. SEVERAL DELS NOTED WOULD BE DIFFICULT ELABORATE LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM PENDING OUTCOME OF CSCE AND ROLE OF ECE IN FUTURE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM CSCE. REPORT ON THE SESSION NOTES OUTCOME CSCE COULD HAVE IMPORTANT IMPACT ON WORK OF ECE.

4. IN FORMULATING REPORT, WESTERN CAUCUS TOOK LEAD IN OBTAINING AGREEMENT OF ADVISERS TO HOLDING MID-YEAR BUREAU MEETING TO PREPARE NEXT SESSION IN MORE EFFECTIVE MANNER. SECTION ON WORK AND PRIORITIES IN MEETING REPORT RECAST IN MORE COHERENT FASHION UNDER FOUR PRINCIPAL FIELDS OF ACTIVITY:

A. PROBLEMS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY. INCLUDED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE SUCH MATTERS AS MILAN SEMINAR AND SYNTHESIS OF RESULTS OF RECENT SEMINAR IN HUNGARY ON TECH-
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NOLOGICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES FOR INNOVATION.

B. ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH. SINGLE ITEM UNDER THIS ITEM CITED APPROVAL PREPARATION FOR WARSAW SEMINAR.

C. INNOVATION IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES. THIS ITEM PROVIDES THAT SENIOR ADVISERS WILL CONVENE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS IN 1974 TO EXPLORE TRENDS AND POSSIBILITIES IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR EFFECTING ECONOMIES IN PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF

ENERGY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WORK OF OTHER ECE SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. AD HOC GROUP WILL PREPARE MATERIAL FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY SENIOR ADVISERS AT THEIR 3RD SESSION IN DECEMBER 1974. US DEL ACCEPTED THIS LANGUAGE BUT DID NOT OFFER TO PARTICIPATE. THIS COULD BE DONE LATER, IF DESIRED, WHEN SECRETARIAT CALLS FOR PARTICIPANTS.

D. TECHNOLOGICAL TRENDS IN BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES. AGREED SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE STUDY OF WORK IN THIS FIELD BY OTHER ECE BODIES, SUBMIT TO GOVERNMENTS FOR COMMENT AND TO ECE BUREAU FOR CONSIDERATION. SENIOR ADVISERS MAY RECOMMEND AT NEXT SESSION NATURE OF ACTION THEY MAY WISH TO TAKE.

5. FOR LONGER TERM MEETING REPORT CONTAINS FINAL SECTION NOTING EFFORT TO DRAW UP DEFINITIVE WORK SCHEDULE MIGHT BE PREMATURE UNTIL RESULTS CSCE ARE KNOWN. REPORT ALSO CITES AGREEMENT SENIOR ADVISERS SHOULD HAVE BROAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADVANCING MULTI-LATERAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND SHOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO ECE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE. THESE RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN METHOD OF WORK AND SELECTION OF SUBJECTS AND PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY SENIOR ADVISERS AND COMMISSION. BASSIN

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